

## **Specification Amendments**

Page 2, prior to paragraph [006], please insert the following;

### Summary of the Invention

Please amend paragraphs [006] and [007] to read as follows:

[006] ~~This~~ The above object generally is achieved with a needle pouch ~~defined in claim 1. The needle pouch~~ according to the invention that is formed of a paper strip having a down-folded end which is attached to the back side along two strip-shaped regions and which constitutes a pouch portion. Between the two strip-shaped connecting regions a pouch is formed from which a needle set may be removed. By correctly coordinating the pouch width and the width of the needle set with one another, the needles are held in an orderly, mutually parallel-oriented fashion in the needle pouch without any additional securing means. No additional holding means are contained in the needle pouch; the needles are held together solely by being tightly enclosed by the needle pouch.

[007] Such a needle pouch may be manufactured in a particularly simple manner. The making of the needle pouch may be effected while being charged with the needles, ~~as set forth in claim 23. In accordance with this claim~~ the method according to the invention, the needle pouch is obtained by longitudinally positioning a needle set on a strip of flexible material, such as a paper strip and subsequently one end of the strip is positioned on the elongated elements, that is, for example, the knitting needles and is attached at the edges to the strip. The connecting regions are preferably of such a width that they extend from the outer edge of the strip to the

beginning of the pouch, as a result of which they hold the needle set together. The end of the strip-shaped connecting region which is proximal to the pouch is the respective location where the first and the last needles of the needle set are held.

Page 5, before paragraph [019], please insert the following title:

Brief Description of the Drawings

Page 6, before paragraph [030], please insert the following title:

Detailed Description of the Invention